

February 23, 2018

RDA, LLC c/o Mr. Kent Campbell, Jr. Environs, LLC 1104 Monticello Street Covington, GA 30014

Re: 401 Certification for Authorization To Impact Not More Than 0.394 Aces of Waters of The US, Pursuant to Nationwide Permit 44 (Mining Activities)

Applicant Permit ID No.: SAC 2017-00109

Applicant: RDA, LLC – Wooten, Clark/RDA–North Tract

County: Williamsburg

Dear Mr. Campbell:

The US Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) issued a final notice in the Federal Register on January 6, 2017 reissuing the Corps' Nationwide Permits (NWP). NWP authorize activities that have minimal individual and cumulative adverse effects on the aquatic environment. On March 7, 2017, the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (Department) certified the NWP in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act and the S.C. Coastal Zone Management Act (48-39-10 et seq.).

The Department has reviewed the above-reference project in accordance with the March 7, 2017 certification and, provided the applicant adheres to the certification conditions outlined in the attached document, the Department has determined that there is a reasonable assurance that the work authorized will be conducted in a manner consistent with the certification requirements of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

Sincerely,

Monica Taylor

Water Quality Certification and Wetlands Section

USACOE Charleston District Office cc:

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